

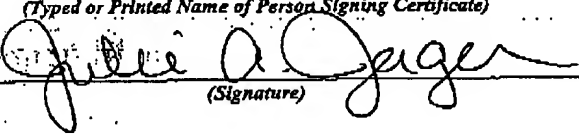
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 27, 2005,

Applicant responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.